

**Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 2100**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yoshihiro HORI, et al.

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCRYPTING DATA TO BE SECURED AND  
INPUTTING/OUTPUTTING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.